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Dear Tracy-

May I acknowledge, with thanks, your very welcome letter. From the point of view of setting up a satisfactory unit, I think there is no doubt that a restriction to bacteria would be most desirable. I am not sure that the UW Press will go along with that, or what course to follow if they do not. Not until one actually gets down to preparing a specific list does it become apparent how difficult it is to select a good group of papers which will really be useful, but which don't add up to too many pages. I'll let you know what happens.

I know that a collection on bacteria would be useful for my own rather restricted courses (Genetics-Ag. Bact. at UW; in the Bact. Dept. at Cal. last summer). Do you think that enough other people will find it worthwhile that we can sell an edition of 500 (at \$3) over the next five years? (if the subject matter is restricted.) That will be the major concern of the Press. Personally, I would prefer a restricted volume now, and leave it to you, for example, to do a like job on protozoa.

Sincerely,